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Docket No.: 50395-134

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Takemi HASEGAWA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2299
Serial No.: 10/076,603 : Group Art Unit: 2874
Filed: February 19, 2002 : Examiner: J. Kang
For: OPTICAL FIBER AND OPTICAL FIBER TRANSMISSION LINE, AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 26, 2004, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of either:

Group I. Claims 1 through 16 directed to a method; or

Group II. Claims 17 through 23 directed to an optical fiber.

In response Applicants elect to prosecute method claims 1 through 16 (Group I).

Favorable consideration of method claims 1 through 16 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

10/076,603

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arthur J. Steiner". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "A" and "S".

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